#### EMPEROR 931

## **Chapter 931 Unexpected Scenario**

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky almost smacked his own head from his stupidity.

Why didn't he think of this and was just fixated in trying not to offend the Conferred Queen's Protector?

Because it was another powerful cultivator he was facing, his thought process became too narrow. Or it could be said that he became a bit restricted on taking the influence of the gaze that was filled with an intent that made him see the veils that hid death.

'However, would this kind of word-play even work in front of a powerhouse who seems to be purposely making it difficult for us?' Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky felt that it was unlikely.

"Good!" Davis laughed in a deep yet amused voice, 'You can shout for him to come out!"

'It works!?' Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky inwardly exclaimed in disbelief.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim wryly chuckled in his mind.

Davis came here just to make fun of them? Either way, he was confident that he could prevail in making both of them listen to his words.

Ancestor Tirea Snow didn't smile but frowned. She didn't want to raise her voice, so she turned to look at Dian Alstreim, but her head swayed as she turned to look at Xanbas Goldsky, feeling that he was the right person for this job.

'Me?' Realizing the gazes, Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky frowned, but since it was Beauty Tirea Snow who was asking, he was unable to decline this task. He smiled in an assuring manner and was about to bellow, causing immense noise in the area, but a voice interrupted him.

"I will ask you all to refrain from disturbing my Young Mistress..." Davis politely spoke with a deep voice, causing Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky's brows to twitch.

'Of course! It isn't going to be easy!!!'

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky imperceptibly took a deep breath to suppress his emotions. Just when he recollected himself and was about to personally move towards the Purple Guest Palace to tell Daniuis Alstreim to come out in a small voice but with high pressure behind it that travels only to the designated place, he noticed Tirea Snow look towards the distance.

Her face was hidden by her light blue veil, but her white brows were narrowed heavily, making her seem as if she was worried.

"What's wrong?"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim asked in doubt. His expression looked as if he was worried about Beauty Tirea Snow.

Ancestor Tirea Snow kept looking into the distance, her soul sense picking up vague but enormously powerful undulations from the north direction.

"That direction is the Grand Alstreim Ocean... Tirea, is anything wrong?" Ancestor Dian Alstreim asked again.

Ancestor Tirea Snow frowned even more, perhaps from being intimately called as Tirea by Dian Alstreim. However, she widened her eyes as she discovered the identity of the newcomer, "That's an Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beast!"

"What!? An Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beast!?" Both Ancestors exclaimed in disbelief.

"There is another one..." Ancestor Tirea Snow's eyes returned to normal.

"!!!?"

What!? What is happening here!?

Ancestor Dian Alstreim became stupefied while all the other present became stumped. He extended his soul sense, but he still couldn't feel anything from the northern direction. He was just at High-Level Supreme Soul Stage while Tirea Snow was at Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage, a level higher than him.

She was already at Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage for a long time, so he mused she must have reached the very peak of the Supreme Soul Stage after obtaining King Soul Stage's comprehension, the Eighth Stage in Soul Forging Cultivation from the hidden Soul Emperor.

On the other hand, Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky frowned as he felt doubt as to what is happening. He possessed a Low-Level Supreme Soul Stage Cultivation, making him unable to sense that far. However, it was not because that target was far. It was also because if the impediment in the distance.

Twenty thousand kilometers away from here, there were the enormously huge, sky-reaching mountains that blocked their soul sense, so they could only direct their soul sense in a roundabout way, losing much distance to cover in the process.

A Low-Level Supreme Soul Stage soul sense alone could cover a fifty thousand kilometer radius! A Peak-Level Supreme Soul Stage soul sense is said to be capable of covering eighty thousand kilometer radius! A ten thousand kilometer increment in the distance to each level!

Hence, Ancestor Tirea Snow was the first to notice the unbridled anomaly at the distance before she used her soul sense to identify the source of strength.

However, the source was still at the extreme border of her soul since she was unable to identify the newcomers.

She narrowed her brows, "It looks like another one is-"

"A human..." Davis continued as he too frowned.

Ancestor Tirea Snow swiveled her head to look at the Conferred Queen's Protector, "Yes, a human wearing the robe of the Alstreim Family."

Davis nodded his head, his eyes were closed behind the mask, "It's a woman. She looks like she is leading the Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beast in our direction. So that's the rumored Aqua Flood Dragon..."

Davis sounded a bit astonished, but he still managed to keep his voice deep.

"Aqua Flood Dragon...!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim clenched his teeth in frustration and anger.

Who in the Alstreim Family would be malicious enough to bring a calamity to their own family!?

"Mhm? It looks more like that woman is flying away from the Aqua Flood Dragon, trying to lose its chase. She... is using her blood essence to escape?" Davis doubtfully spoke.

"!!!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim yelled in anger, "It's hunting down my kinsmen for no reason again!?"

"How dare it does it again and again without any regard for us humans!?"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim was about to rush into the distance when he recalled that there were two headaches left for him to take care of! This was truly bad timing! However, his mind spun for solutions, thinking that he could use them to his advantage.

"Xanbas Goldsky and Tirea Snow! Help me deal with this Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beast!"

"Ha! Are you kidding me? Who would help you take care of your mess?" Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky frowned, but inwardly, he was laughing at Dian Alstreim for being still without doing anything but still inviting a calamity.

Truly, he felt that this day couldn't get any better, and even felt that he came here just so he could witness this destruction.

'To think the heavens arranged something like this to make me ecstatic... What kindness...' He inwardly lampooned as he felt elated.

Ancestor Tirea Snow didn't possess a change of expression as her eyes were serene.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim clenched his teeth as his naturally pale face became disappointed. However, since he knew that it would be like this, he didn't give up easily.

"You two are a part of the Tripartite Alliance and the pillars of the two of the three powers in the alliance! You two should answer the call of an ally when the ally is in danger!"

"And since you two are here, you're obliged to answer my call!"

"Ha! Not with the rules again, using it when it is convenient for you..." Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky snorted while Ancestor Tirea Snow protected her silence.

"Didn't you people use the rules to try taking away the Million Emerald Vines Calamity's nectar from the Conferred Queen? Who were the ones that are using the rules to their advantage?" Ancestor Dian Alstreim sneered

"You!?" Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky narrowed his eyes in anger.

To dare mention in this in front of the Conferred Queen's Protector, was he picking a fight with him at this time of crisis that descended upon the Alstreim Family?

## **Chapter 932 Ancestor Tirea Snow"s Worry**

Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky stared at each other as the atmosphere suddenly became tenser than ever.

Ancestor Tirea Snow also frowned a bit. She cast a glance at the person who could make a fuss right now, but fortunately, the Conferred Queen's Protector seemed to say nothing about it.

"I'll help..." Ancestor Tirea Snow suddenly spoke, "However, I'm not going to fight to the death with the Aqua Flood Dragon or go out of the Grand Alstreim City to battle with it."

"!!!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim swiveled his head and stared at her as felt heartened.

"Tirea... I knew that I could always rely on you..." Ancestor Dian Alstreim spoke with a bit of emotion in his voice, "Fret not as I am not stupid enough to battle the Aqua Flood Dragon outside the Grand Alstreim City. Only with the formations here do we have a chance to make it retreat without either side getting injured."

He knew that Tirea Snow wasn't as shameless or ruthless as Xanbas Goldsky. He further added.

"Of course, if we two join hands, we could even manage to-"

"Don't misunderstand." Ancestor Tirea Snow coldly interrupted him, "I will only help you within the confines of this safe city. As for what would happen if this formation is broken, I will just leave. This is not my power to protect."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim clenched his hand in frustration.

Why was she still like this when she decided to give him her support? He couldn't understand.

"Besides, you will owe me for this help." Ancestor Tirea Snow added and became silent. She looked into the distance and could sense that the Aqua Flood Dragon that was chasing the human woman was already halfway here to this place.

Perhaps, it was just a matter of minute before the Aqua Flood Dragon appears right before this Grand Alstreim City.

'A Dragon...' She inwardly frowned.

She had taken down only two Low-Level Ninth Stage Magical Beasts in the past in her life, but she felt that when they were compared with this majestic Aqua Flood Dragon, she felt that the power difference between these magical beasts even though they were at the same cultivation level should be enormously vast.

After all, the Aqua Flood Dragon belonged to the dragon-species! A king species among magical beasts!

Even though the three she compared with were all at the Low-Level Emperor Beast Stage, she believed that the difference between the Aqua Flood Dragon and the other two magical beasts should be the difference between heaven and earth. Honestly, she felt that they possessed no chance of killing it.

However, she also felt that making it retreat with their numbers shouldn't be a problem. She turned to look towards Xanbas Goldsky.

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky nodded his head in agreement, "I agree to help, but Dian Alstreim would owe me one as well. Of course, you can decline, and we can just sit back and watch what happens to this place!"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim became taken aback before anger overtook him, making him smile with a crazy light, "Xanbas Goldsky! Do you believe that I will personally head towards the Aqua Flood Dragon right now and reroute it towards your Towering Cloud Hall!?"

"You dare!?"

\*Rumble!~\*

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky's Martial Overlord Stage undulations flared, immensely suppressing almost everyone within the area of a thousand kilometers. Even Davis felt constricted, but because he was in his Solitary Soul Avatar, which is a soul body, the impact he received was already less in the first place.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim and Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky stared at each other with killing intent blazing in their eyes. Their blonde and lush black hair swayed along with the current of the wind, making them look fierce as if they were a spark that was going to light up into a fire at the slightest provocation.

Ancestor Tirea Snow frowned, "Quickly decide, the Agua Flood Dragon is near."

"Hmph! Whatever..." Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky turned away and looked at the tiny dot that was visible in the distance.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim inwardly sighed, but he possessed a solemn expression outwards.

With this, he was able to drag them in, making sure they won't be able to do anything suspicious during this time. He knew that the reason why Xanbas Goldsky yielded was related to the Grand Alstreim City's defensive and offensive prowess.

The defensive and offensive formations here that are present from the time when the Founder established the Alstreim Family would easily help them tackle the Aqua Flood Dragon, and perhaps even make it retreat. They were High-Level Emperor Grade Formations, which formed the foundations for the Alstreim Family to last through the ages. If Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky actually did anything in this place, he would be the first one to suffer the might of the High-Level Emperor Grade Formations, which is equivalent to Ninth Stage Formations!

Hence, it was still within Ancestor Dian Alstreim's expectations that Xanbas Goldsky would yield.

"Don't worry, the Conferred Queen's Protector is here to take care of contingencies." He sent them a soul transmission before turning to look at Davis.

"Protector, although it is shameless of me to request you to protect this Grand Alstreim City for me, I must still ask for your help as the safety of this city is my first priority." He bowed.

Davis inwardly laughed at Ancestor Dian Alstreim's performance. He moved his hand to his chin, rubbing it as if he was considering what to do.

"Since I'm here as a guest, I guess I am obliged to do so. However, if you all think that you can leave the Aqua Flood Dragon to me to quietly sit back and enjoy, I am afraid that I would have to rather disappoint you."

"Haha, no need." Ancestor Dian Alstreim laughed.

"We are all powerhouses of our own right, and we will take care of the alliance's problems. I only shamelessly request the Conferred Queen's Protector to backup us when it is truly required."

Davis nodded his head as he laughed, "Alright, make sure you treat me to a Peak-Level King Beast Stage Meat again! Hahaha!"

"Of course! The Alstreim Family fulfills the request of its guests!"

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky inwardly sneered at Dian Alstreim for acting like a bootlicker.

However, when Ancestor Tirea Snow looked at Dian Alstreim cozy up to the Protector like a person with low status trying to rope in an opportunity, not only was she disgusted, but she didn't like it for some reason. She felt her heart feel bad for no reason, making her extremely confused.

She furrowed her brows and introspected herself while looking at Dian Alstreim.

Why was this person calling her Tirea as if they were close?

The last time she met this person was at the Soul Emperor's hidden lair, and before that was the establishment of the Tripartite Alliance, and even before that when they were enemies at the battlefield of the Nine Eastern Territories, which was the previous Tripartite Alliance Territory that remained unoccupied by any power at that time.

She couldn't remember anything that would warrant Dian Alstreim to call her Tirea as if she was his loved one, but that was obvious for her looking at these two fools wanting to make her their woman. It was the same with the relentless Soul Emperor who wanted to forcefully make her his woman, and there seemed to be additionally a new Ninth Stage Powerhouse who seemed to be interested in her, which is none other than the Conferred Queen's Protector.

# **Chapter 933 Preparation To Counterattack**

Ancestor Tirea Snow inwardly felt disgusted for their constant yet selfish favor and the gaze in their eyes, which looked at her in a way that she didn't like even a single bit. She didn't want their favor if she had to cozy up to them and become one of their woman in the end. She felt that she'd rather remain faithful to the Falling Snow Sect and remain pure till the end of her life.

Bu then, why did she liked it a bit when she was called Tirea by him the second time?

'Maybe it was the same for the first time as well, no?'

Ancestor Tirea Snow heavily frowned at her own thoughts as she couldn't understand before she shook it away in a flash with her willpower.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim chuckled in an amicable light at Davis before turning to look in the northern direction, the figure of the Aqua Flood Dragon, as well as the fleeing dot, becoming visible in the distance to his eyes.

'So it's Elise Alstreim...' He identified the woman to be another Grand Elder of the Alstreim Family!

He was wondering why she was missing in the Grand Welcoming Hall that was active a week and a half ago, but he now understood why.

'To think she was at the Grand Alstreim Ocean all this time... but for what reason?'

Ancestor Dian Alstreim didn't think much before sending a soul transmission to every Grand Elder who was watching the scene from below. Two external Ninth Stage Powerhouses had appeared in their city, so why wouldn't they appear?

Except, they were irrelevant at that time, and it was not their place to interfere in matters between Ninth Stage Powerhouses.

The Grand Elders headed to the northern direction upon receiving instructions from Ancestor Dian Alstreim. They split up, leaving behind only three Grand Elders, along with the Patriarch. One of the three Grand Elders was none other than Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim. He frowned at the known knowledge of the Aqua Flood Dragon that was in pursuit of a woman from the Alstreim Family. He inwardly cursed such a woman for existing and bringing a calamity to the Alstreim Family, that was until he found out that...

"Daughter!?"

Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim's expression became a sight to behold as his face became deathly pale while his mouth became agape. His Mature Soul Stage soul sense caught sight of his wounded daughter, Grand Elder Elise Alstreim, miserably escaping from the giant Aqua Flood Dragon. He practically went dull in disbelief of such a sight.

Patriarch Eldric Alstreim, who was beside frowned as his heart skipped a beat, "Daughter? Grandfather! What do you mean... daughter!?"

He lost his bearings and practically went crazy as he asked with wide eyes.

"It's... It's Elise!"

Patriarch Eldric Alstreim's magnificent purple pupils dilated into two tiny dots.

"Mother!!!"

With a heart-stricken scream, he rushed into the northern direction.

Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim instantly regained his bearings as he followed suit with even greater speed, his face practically spitting flames as he imagined the sight of his daughter being swallowed by Aqua Flood Dragon.

\*Rumble!~\*

Suddenly, immense pressure landed on both of them, causing them to come to a stop as their legs almost bent from the pressure soul force, combined with the ninth stage law rune essence energy suppressing them!

"Ancestor! What is the meaning of this!!!?" Patriarch Eldric Alstreim screamed in retaliation.

Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim also intensely and rebelliously gazed at Ancestor Dian Alstreim while struggling to break the immense pleasure cast at them.

"Silence!"

\*SHHH~\*

Patriarch Eldric Alstreim and Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim both became taken aback, wondering why they had just tried to go against their Ancestor and why they were being held back when they suddenly recalled that it was because of Elise Alstreim. However, they were no longer hasty and became somber enough to think rationally.

'A soul art to make their mind calm...' Davis mused.

"Don't be so hasty. Elise Alstreim... your daughter, has already sacrificed her blood essence to escape and is heading towards here right now. She knows that she will be able to live if she returns to the Grand Alstreim Family with the help of me and the formations established here. Are you two going to intercept her and die along with her?"

Patriarch Eldric Alstreim lowered his head as he suppressed himself.

Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim nodded his head, and only then did he feel that the suppression was removed from their bodies. They regained balance and took a deep breath to completely calm themselves down as they also raised that they cannot be hasty in this manner.

"Don't let her sacrifice of blood essence be in vain. If you want to take revenge, take a position in the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation."

Patriarch Eldric Alstreim and Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim's eyes gleamed. They listened and headed towards the northern direction to take a position.

Davis looked at them in scrutiny, thinking that they at least did not cower out, becoming too afraid to battle. Heck, from the looks of it, they were ready to give up their own lives.

This made him recall about what Ancestor Dian Alstreim said to him about close family members who would challenge him to life and death battle until he was exhausted to death, not that he particularly cared since he possessed the same old method to kill them all in an instant, but he still nodded his head in recognition.

Davis blinked as he felt something... It was that feeling again. That feeling where he stood on the top and judged all others as if he stood at the top.

The modern world him told him not to be judgmental, but in this cultivation world, you judge all the others, or the others will judge you till you kill yourself out of shame even if you have not done anything wrong. At least, that is what he learned by traveling around the First Layer.

In the Grand Sea Continent, almost no one dared to judge him anyway because of his status as an imperial prince! However, he was a person of lower status here when he first arrived, and everyone kept judging him until he made them aware that he cannot be underestimated and stood over their heads.

'Then...'

He raised his head and looked at the enlarging figure of the Aqua Flood Dragon. As each second passed, its figure became more and more clear to him.

Its large bright eyes possessed blue reptile-like pupils that intently focused on the fleeing human, and its nose, which was slightly elongated, breathed out a cold type of smoke. Its jaws were slightly agape, revealing its two rows of razor-sharp teeth and its long purple tongue while two big and long fangs were sticking out from its mouth in an intimidating manner.

It possessed a serpent's body, its dark blue scales shining a bluish-orange tint under the light of dusk. A white-blue coat of fur adorned its neck, giving it a regal look. Its body stretched to the end before it's small tail appeared, flailing around in the air as it flew chasing around, but it was also shrouded by a bit of fog, making the tail's visibility lessen.

Judging by the size of the Aqua Flood Dragon, it was around two hundred and fifty meters long!

Davis widened his eyes as he looked at the incoming Aqua Flood Dragon. It was his first time seeing a magical beast that was this massive in size!

However, he was also excited to think that if he could also judge its life and death as he sees fit in the future!

"Prepare the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier Formation!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim raised a shout as he arrived at the northern border of the Grand Alstreim City.

### **Chapter 934 Engaging In Defense**

"Revered Ancestor, everything is ready!" Grand Elder Krax Alstreim reported as he sat over the skies in a cross-legged position.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim cast a look at him.

It was not just Grand Elder Krax Alstreim alone who sat, but there were seven other Grand Elders who sat along with him in a circular formation aligned in a vertical manner. Right in the middle of them was an empty space, but a flash of light blinded everyone before a formation core appeared.

All eight of the Grand Elders started to pour their Peak-Level Law Sea Stage essence energy into the core of the formation, and immense crimson gaseous appearance started to take form.

Davis looked at it and recognized that it should be an Emperor Grade Formation. However, was it enough to stop the incoming menace?

He felt increasingly excited, thinking that his horizons were about to be broadened!

=====

A bloodied silhouette shot through the skies as she looked at the silhouette of a city. The land below her held rivers, lakes, mountains that thrived with magical beasts and humans. She closed her eyes to their foreseeable plight and shed a tear.

This woman was none other than Grand Elder Elise Alstreim.

Grand Elder Elise Alstreim rushed at the speed of eight hundred kilometers per second, her abundant flames leaving a trail in the skies as she fled for her life. She cast a look behind and saw that this immense creature was still on her trail.

Her face didn't possess any amount of fear as she soared through the air in a bid to escape the Aqua Flood Dragon, but there was nervousness and worry deep within her purple eyes.

'No matter what, I must secure this treasure for the family! Even if we can't use it, we can secretly trade it with the Falling Snow Sect or other powers that possess suitable treasures to exchange!' Extreme determination flashed in her eyes.

Initially, she tried to lose it somewhere else, but she could in no way compare to its speed. It was more like it was enjoying the hunt rather than seriously hunting her, but she could also feel that it was pissed off. She remembered the desiring gaze it cast at her when she took the treasure and escaped. She didn't know what it meant, but she sure would like to not learn of it either!

Her only hope of survival was the Grand Alstreim City! But it would also mean that she would be endangering her son, father, and every other people she cared about. She didn't even have time to inform them about this crisis when she escaped; neither did she initially plan to take this treasure in the first place!

It was all at the spur of the moment when she found the opportunity!

She felt like this rush that lasted for no more than a few minutes lasted for years.

Her eyelids were becoming increasingly heavy, and her gaze became blurry from the usage of twenty-five percent of her blood essence to escape. She was critically wounded by one of its initial attacks as well. She felt that she was nearing the limit!

However, she kept her eyes wide as she only concentrated on making it to the Grand Alstreim City!

Once she was near, her blurry eyes caught sight of the Ancestor, and her expression blossomed into a vague smile while also knowing that the defenses of the Grand Alstreim City might be ready, but this sensation of relief cost her badly as she was on the verge of fainting from the loss of blood essence.

She forcefully bit of the tip of her tongue to keep herself awake, and the sudden pain helped her pass the hurdle! In just a few seconds, just when she crossed a certain point, blinding red light flashed behind her, which made her look behind to see what had happened.

A volcanic projection appeared as it formed a defensive barrier over the entire northern side! The crimson walls were kind of transparent as they appeared to be crystallized.

<sup>\*</sup>Roar!~\*

The Aqua Flood Dragon that was right behind it didn't stop! With an angry bellow, it rammed right into the crimson barrier!

\*Boom!~\*

\*Roar!~\*

An explosion occurred as the Aqua Flood Dragon echoed a cry of pain and rebounded in the air from the impact!

\*Rumble!~\*

The crimson barrier trembled from the impact, but it didn't shatter at all. Instead, powerful flames danced at the point where the collision occurred, the crimson flames dancing around in the sky before it disappeared into nothingness as it entered the void.

Grand Elder Elise Alstreim looked behind the defensive barrier, successfully thwart the Aqua Flood Dragon from entering the Grand Alstreim City.

It was actually the first time she saw the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier Formation activate, but along with the presence of the Ancestor whom she never gave any kind of respect for, it gave her an immense sense of relief that she instantly fainted in mid-air, but her body was traveling with the same extreme speed following the momentum.

However, two arms gently wrapped around her and skillfully withstood the momentum of her speed with their chest, making her not get further injured.

Patriarch Eldric Alstreim held his mother as he looked at her bloodied body. His mouth was agape while his lips trembled as he looked at the shoulder that was split in half. Her shoulder bones were visible to the naked eye, making his eyes go red in anger and worry. However, he didn't waste time and instantly left the place to heal her in a more suitable place. No one stepped in front of him to stop him.

It didn't matter what had happened, but they must first make the Aqua Flood Dragon retreat, and for Patriarch Eldric Alstreim, his mother's health and survival was his first priority.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim looked at Patriarch Eldric Alstreim's leave before he turned to look at the Aqua Flood Dragon with a bit of arrogance in his eyes. Outside, he would have to flee if he met this arrogant dragon, but here, as long as the resources lasted, he could humiliate it with words all he wanted, but it would still be unable to injure him in the slightest.

However, that was not for the best.

The energy requirement of this High-Level Emperor Grade Defensive Formation, Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier are Peak-Level Spirit Stones, and in the tens of thousands for each Ninth Stage Powerhouse's attack, it withstood. It just wasn't efficient and would quickly deplete their Peak-Level Spirit Stones reserves like drinking water!

"Stop!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim echoed as he passed through the barrier and stood alone outside like a human king, watching the Aqua Flood Dragon with wide eyes!

"Human!!!"

The two hundred and fifty-meter long Aqua Flood Dragon's eyes became red in anger as it opened its jaws, creating a wave of wind that picked up like a storm!

"Aqua Flood Dragon! This is the Alstreim Family's territory! Time and time again, you are provoking our power, so don't expect us to sit back and watch!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim coldly spoke before he waved his hand.

Blinding crimson light flashed again, and a wave of eight hazy tentacles formed before it took shape into grayish and crimson arms! The wrists extended, and the palms grew before five fingers spread out into eight blazing hands that encompassed the northern region!

It was not his power but the complete activation of the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation!

# **Chapter 935 Into The Fray**

"You dare!?"

The Aqua Flood Dragon echoed as it looked at the formation encompass above it. It seemed provoked and even seemed surprised that these pesky and cowardly humans would even dare to fight it. Its blood rushed to its head before it no longer thought of anything and unleashed a powerful attack as it opened its mouth!

\*Shzzzz!~\*

A torrential wave of massively compressed water shot out from its mouth aimed right at the human who brazenly stood before it!

"Hmph!" Ancestor Dian Alstreim snorted in displeasure as he waved his hand again.

Law Rune Stage undulations spread around the area as his essence energy soared out of his body. The essence energy transformed into a torrential wave of flames raged as it descended towards the incoming attack!

\*Boooommm!~\*

An explosion occurred upon impact as the wave of flames increasingly disappeared before the immense pressure of the compressed water passed through the expression without impediment!

However, Ancestor Dian Alstreim was no longer in that place as he disappeared.

The torrential wave of water was about to hit the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier, but the eight hands of the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation simultaneously descended in an unbridled manner as they swung towards the attack!

The eight hands attacked at eight places of the water cannon at the same time and simultaneously cut the momentum of the torrential wave of water from striking the barrier, and the end result was that...

\*Sizzle!~\*

The torrential canon of water that survived the momentum-kill struck right at the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier, but it was not even able to make it explode upon impact. It was like water splashing on fire, making it sizzle for a moment before the fires lit up again anew.

Its attack had failed!

#### \*Roar!!!~\*

The Aqua Flood Dragon roared in rage, not from its technique being disrupted and killed but from the huge, condensed three hundred meter round fireball that was launched right at its face by the wretched human.

It didn't hesitate. It twisted its long body and swung its tail with a blinding momentum at the incoming technique that it split the fireball in half!

#### \*Rumble!~\*

The fireball being no longer able to maintain shape, trembled before it erupted into an apocalyptic explosion like a mini-sun that split and exploded!

#### \*Boooommmmm!~\*

The force of the entire explosion blew apart anyone who was near, or below towards the land.

The surrounding area became flooded by a sea of flames that constantly spread towards the distance, covering almost a hundred kilometers before it stopped extending as it reached its limit! Space was engulfed in a sea of flames, but fortunately, the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier stopped the destruction from spreading towards the Grand Alstreim City.

Davis's jaws went slack as his expression became dull behind the mask. The essence energy and the power behind that fireball were enough to kill him a thousand times, and the remnant force of the sea of flames some can burn him to death more than ten times if he remained at that air-space. He expected the Ninth Stage to be powerful, but he didn't expect it to be this enormously powerful.

He inwardly gulped as his instincts warned him to retreat, but he knew that he was safe since the barrier held up, deflecting the dangerous forces on the other side.

"Level Two Abstruse Intent of Flame Laws!"

"Dian Alstreim has increased his might once again..."

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky and Ancestor Tirea Snow arrived beside Davis as the former exclaimed in shock while the latter sighed with complex emotion. She didn't know why, but she felt both upset and happy. She was able to perceive her conflicting emotions, but she didn't understand why.

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky looked around before his gaze fell on Tirea Snow. He sent her a soul transmission, "Want to sabotage the defensive formation?"

Ancestor Tirea Snow frowned. She didn't reply but coldly stared at Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky before moving out of the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier Formation.

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky frowned at her actions. He knew that she would abide by her words, but to not get a profit while having an opportunity to make the growing Dian Alstreim grovel in front of them came off as naive to him, but that is what also what made him like her in the first place, wanting her to become his woman!

She was pure as a heavenly maiden in his eyes!

'Who would like a backstabbing, deceiving, and scheming woman in the first place!?' He inwardly laughed as he followed suit.

Davis stood behind the defensive formation, not taking a step forward. He didn't know what kind of plot they concocted with their soul transmission, but he knew that these two Ninth Stage Powerhouses would just head into the fray but only concentrate on defense. Knowing that they wouldn't actively help Ancestor Dian Alstreim fend off the Aqua Flood Dragon, he looked at the formation with the eight arms, stretching outward from inside the barrier.

Yes, the Grand Elders who controlled the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation were all inside the barrier. None of them went out as they all knew that they would become a dead body within seconds if they were to head out. Instead, they all did their best to control the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation. Originally, it just required a single Law Rune Stage Powerhouse to control it, but since existences at the Ninth Stage were essential and couldn't be restricted to a single place, they made this formation compatible with Eighth Stage Experts! It required eight Eighth Stage Experts to activate it.

However, the Eighth Stage Experts should possess the power of a Peak-Level Law Sea Stage to be able to control it.

\*Rumble!~\*

\*Rumble!~\*

The sea of flames in the space on the other side was still present, and Davis couldn't see what was going on other than the vague outline of the powers and the resulting explosion that scorched the lands and split open the clouds as seconds passed. Furthermore, the clash of fire and water generated mist over the place, making him unable to see the things he was able to see before. If he sent his soul sense into the fray, he mused that it would get easily disrupted by the ninth stage undulations and disperse into nothingness, making him sense nothing.

He was unable to maintain his soul sense to watch the battle as the remnant forces of the ninth stage attacks were just too strong for his soul to endure.

\*Schwing!~\*

The sound of ice forming before piercing past the wind could be heard.

\*Clang!~\*

The sound of metal clashing and grazing echoed, causing Davis to be taken aback.

He wondered what was going on with new sounds emerging, but when he abruptly saw Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky fly like a kite that had its strings cut and was almost about to collide with the defensive barrier. However, before he could collide, the barrier opened and let him in as if someone was controlling it.

"Fuck! It's too strong! Its scales are like metal, and I'm unable to harm it before I got sent flying by its tail..." Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky pitifully spoke as he lamented.

Davis's eyes twitched.

If he's going to act, shouldn't he do it better?

## **Chapter 936 Barrage Of Ice And Fire**

However, Davis didn't know that Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky's pitiful act truly was the case in a sense.

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky ventured in carefully amidst the misty battlefield but got off-guard by the swinging and twisting body of the Aqua Flood Dragon. He gathered his martial energy under his fist and punched as he sent the space shuddering in the wake of the force, but he underestimated the defensive prowess of the Aqua Flood Dragon's scales and got ruthlessly smacked by its tail.

However, he was also a Ninth Stage Powerhouse, a Martial Overlord Stage Powerhouse!

He was completely unharmed!

The reason why he got smacked also had to do with the fact that he didn't want to give even thirty percent of effort into defending this place. He would like it more if this place got destroyed instead.

"I wonder if Conferred Queen's Protector is strong enough to battle the Aqua Flood Dragon equally?" Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky possessed a blank expression on his face. It looked as if he was curious but was also too nervous to ask Conferred Queen's Protector straight to the face.

Davis kept his silence for a moment before he turned to look at Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky, "Why don't we gauge whether if I'm strong or not by yourself?"

"Haha, I was just curious..." Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky brushed it off while laughing.

'These bastards from the large Territories are all arrogant!' He inwardly fumed, but it wasn't the first time he experienced humiliation from these people anyway. Hence, it was easier for him to forget this provocation.

Davis returned his gaze and stared at the space that he still could not see through or sense. He inwardly sighed, feeling why he had to stay and act like this when he was absolutely useless in this situation. Although it wasn't as if he was absolutely useless since he did possess a sacrificial method to take it down, he wouldn't do it unless absolutely required as it greatly harmed his soul essence.

He mused that there's an extremely minute chance of him dying if he used such a method to kill the Aqua Flood Dragon.

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky headed towards the battle again. The crystallized crimson barrier opened up for him, and he entered the misty airspace again. This time, he was more cautious and stood away at a far distance, waiting for the opportune moment to get his revenge.

Being swatted like that was a humiliation in itself, which he found hard to digest. Although he kept an unhindered and carefree expression, he inwardly cursed the Aqua Flood Dragon in rage. He narrowed his eyes as he looked at Dian Alstreim and Tirea Snow attack it with their flames and ice!

Ancestor Tirea Snow raised her hand as her essence energy flared from her palm! A hail storm brewed suddenly that quickly encased the Aqua Flood Dragon and rammed it with numerous shards of hail that

struck it with tremendous might! However, the scales of the Aqua Flood Dragon seemed to be capable of enduring this area of effect technique, causing it to easily deflect the shards with a little movement of its body that spanned over two hundred and fifty kilometers long!

But at the same time, Ancestor Dian Alstreim created an enormous and concentrated wave of crimson flames that cleaved through the airspace, and the space that was covered in a hailstorm wisped to flames while suddenly blazing into a firestorm that plunged the entire Aqua Flood Dragon into a flaming shower of fiery hails that struck it!

\*Roar!~\*

The Aqua Flood Dragon became incensed, and it swung its tail again randomly in retaliation!

"Crap!"

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky who felt that this was the best time to attack again, retreated back into the defensive formation like a turtle. The flailing tail of the Aqua Flood Dragon was no joke, and even a Martial Sage Stage Expert could get completely crushed by the force of the impact. Although exploding into a meat paste was possible, he didn't think it would happen unless the Eighth Stage Expert was offguard.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim, Ancestor Tirea Snow, and the Aqua Flood Dragon fought with vigor! All three of their attacks scattered and swept the heaven and earth energy present in the surrounding hundreds of kilometers. The maelstrom of their attacks caused the land and the sky to tremble!

Davis couldn't take his eyes off the battlefield even though he could only see lesser and lesser with the number of attacks clashing and forming misty fog as a result.

The raging battle over the other side seemingly went on with no end. Every second could be considered life-threatening, but the battle went as long as ten minutes. The Aqua Flood Dragon's roar that carried pain could be sometimes heard, making the Grand Elders aware of its location.

"Kill!" Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim bellowed.

The Eight Ashfall Arms Formation extended and swatted, slapped, and clutched the Aqua Flood Dragon, making it possess injuries that could be considered first-degree burns on its scales. The combined offensive prowess of this High-Level Emperor Grade Offensive Formation wasn't and less than the attack of a Ninth Stage Powerhouse. Sometimes, they used most of their essence energy to control eight hands' overlapping to cause immense destruction.

It was even able to push the enormous Aqua Flood Dragon back a hundred meters!

They constantly worked in tandem with the ancestor-level experts to pin down the Aqua Flood Dragon.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim flew around with his hands stretched, his flames erupting from his palms in a wild manner. The flames caught onto its dark blue scales but were only able to make it scorched black. However, Ancestor Tirea Snow flew at the opposite side, making the scales frozen before it shattered its tiny pieces, exposing its skin underneath.

\*Roar!~\*

The Aqua Flood Dragon expressed its anger as it swiped its arms at Ancestor Tirea Snow with its razor-sharp claws before Ancestor Tirea Snow turned into a mirage before disappearing into the void. They harassed the Aqua Flood Dragon with this cost tactics, just like how annoying house flies. They continuously tried to break its scales, but before they could injure it, the Aqua Flood Dragon's maws and claws would be upon them.

Just because the Aqua Flood Dragon was massive didn't mean it moved slowly. It was enormously fast, capable of sweeping its two hundred fifty meters long body around the air in two seconds! The force that it created was also enormously powerful that it struck away anyone weaker than a Ninth Stage Powerhouse and could easily kill anyone lesser than an Eighth Stage Expert.

### \*Roar!~\*

"Arghh!!! Despicable Humans!!! Don't you cowardly existences have the courage to fight against me single-handedly!?"

"You have already encroached upon our ocean territory. Further violations wouldn't be allowed, nor the likes of you can easily infringe our sovereignty. Cease this battle and retreat." Ancestor Dian Alstreim coldly uttered.

"I'll kill you!!!" The Aqua Flood Dragon roared in extreme anger.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim frowned heavily. Even after harassing it and making it understand that it could possibly defeat them in this place, it still held on to its stubborn attitude and did not engage in negotiation, making him feel that perhaps chasing it away is going to take him more than a constant barrage of attacks that could be considered harassment.

Perhaps, only heavy-handed attacks could possibly make it come to its senses, but he was aware that it might also enrage the Aqua Flood Dragon further, causing them to possibly yet completely form an enmity with it!

### **Chapter 937 A Swing Of A Icy Sword**

Ancestor Dian Alstreim looked towards Tirea Snow, wondering if she would help him if he were to change the plan to be aggressive against the Aqua Flood Dragon instead of the initial defensive plan. However, even without having to think too far, he instantly shook his head in a rueful manner.

'She isn't the same old Tirea Snow you once knew... She is... a powerhouse from another power! Don't rely on her!' His subconscious warned him to be careful as it yelled at him.

Ancestor Tirea Snow gained distance upon seeing that the Aqua Flood Dragon and Dian Alstreim were finally going to come to a truce, but hearing their conversation that ended up failing to achieve anything other than further aggravation, she became disappointed. She flew into the fray again and waved her hand, large quantities of ten-meter thick icicles forming around her.

With a whoosh, the icicles flew and struck the Aqua Flood Dragon's scales, but a bluish aqua light emerged on its scales, managing to block the icicles from harming its body. The icicles shattered upon impact but more was launched by her. She started to harass it again with Dian Alstreim.

However, this time, she clearly maintained her distance as she knew that their tactics wouldn't work twice.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim kept a safe distance and attacked with his crimson fire that tried to scorch the Aqua Flood Dragon to irritation, but sure enough, five minutes later, he abruptly got struck by the tail!

"Crap!"

He didn't know from where the tail came at him, but for a moment, it seemed to disappear from one place to another in the misty fog!

Ancestor Tirea Snow retreated towards the barrier as she saw Dian Alstreim be sent flying towards the distance like a kite that had its strings cut.

She didn't go to help him. She was just here for defense and support. She retreated as soon as she saw the Aqua Flood Dragon shooting an extremely angered and cold look of warning at her. She wasn't intimidated but felt that if she handles it far more than required, then it would become dangerous for her as she would be completely offending it.

She mused that the Aqua Flood Dragon clearly knew that she and Dian Alstreim were from different powers as it was able to think for itself, but it didn't seem to have the brain to converse.

Or, it should be better said that it had no intention to converse.

One of Aqua Flood Dragon's two long horns over its head was also encased by ice while the other was scorched in flames. Its scales were badly damaged, and some of the layers of skin were also pierced, making it bleed. These were mostly from the harassment of the two powerful humans she faced.

However, its capability or its prowess didn't even drop a bit. In fact, the places that were injured were already starting to heal by itself.

Realizing that the woman had no intention of attacking it, the Aqua Flood Dragon turned to look at the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier as its body moved towards it in an instant. Now, it was its turn to make the Grand Alstreim City know the meaning of what a flood is!

Ancestor Dian Alstreim, who tried to regain balance, was unable to as he was sent flying in the opposite direction. The force of the attack was just too strong for him to forcefully stabilize himself as the Aqua Flood Dragon cleverly maneuvered and took his back, skillfully slamming the tail at him, sending him flying towards the distance.

It was clear to him that the Aqua Flood Dragon aimed for this as it didn't even come after him after separating him from the range of the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation and the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier.

"Tirea, protect the barrier!" He frantically yelled.

Ancestor Tirea Snow frowned at being called intimately by him again. She looked at the Aqua Flood Dragon pierce through the air with its jaws open wide as energy could be sensed brewing within its throat, ready to unleash havoc upon the barrier.

Perhaps, the barrier might hold or might not, and it wasn't something she should worry about. She had already retreated and stood by the side, intent on not trying to offend the Aqua Flood Dragon. However, without realizing it, she moved before her body disappeared in a heartbeat.

# **Nethersnow Mirage Steps!**

When she reappeared, she was right beside the long body of the Aqua Flood Dragon with a magnificent yet icy sword that glowed with a frosty intent in her hand!

#### \*Bzz!~\*

She ruthlessly cut down with all her essence energy wrapped around the icy sword, and a fifty-meter deep gash was sliced open on the Aqua Flood Dragon.

### \*Roar!!!~\*

The Aqua Flood Dragon let out a scream of pain and flipped its tail right around the place where it got cut! The tail ruthlessly struck out, but by that point, Ancestor Tirea Snow had already retreated again, hiding while using her High-Level Emperor Grade Movement Technique, Nethersnow Mirage Steps!

Ancestor Dian Alstreim smiled in glee as he became ecstatic that she responded, "Tirea!"

He regained balance right when Tirea Snow slashed her sword at the Aqua Flood Dragon and was on the return. However, he saw Tirea Snow's faint silhouette leave the battlefield while a soul transmission fell in his mind.

"That's all the I can give, Dian Alstreim. I can't further aggravate the Aqua Flood Dragon anymore..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim pursed his lips, becoming confused. He didn't know what was running in her mind for her to act in a strange manner, and he didn't have the time to ponder on it as well. He used the Earth Smiting Searing Flame Step and quickly arrived before the Aqua Flood Dragon.

#### \*Roar!!!~\*

Losing sight of the woman it wanted to crush, the Aqua Flood Dragon became enraged and turned back to target Ancestor Dian Alstreim. Its body undulated as water attributed energy surged out from its body. It was as if all the water was sucked out of its body, but there wasn't any kind of bloating or shrinking changes to its body!

All that water-attributed energy turned into a huge tidal wave! It was like a tsunami that was about to capsize a kilometer long-ship in the air into the bottom of the endless ocean!

Ancestor Dian Alstreim clenched his teeth as he extended his hands towards the colossal water attack. A blazing flame wheel had already formed in front of him, its size alone reaching two kilometers in diameter!

The moment the enormous flood came at him, he unleashed the High-Level Emperor Grade Battle Technique, Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel! It was the higher version of the technique which Nora Alstreim cast at Logan while sacrificing her blood essence! However, that had just reached two hundred meters while his technique that was formed from his ninth stage essence energy reached two thousand meters in diameter!

The Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel began to spin as crimson-black volcano ashes began to spread. A million wisps of flames that formed to coalesce a sea of flames erupted from the flaming wheel, coming into direct contact with the huge tidal wave that came at him!

### Chapter 938 That Is!!!

\*Rumble!~\*

Space shook, the skies trembled as dark clouds formed, and thunder rumbled above the battlefield!

\*Boom!~\*

The two powers clashed with intensity, splashing around the area while the sizzling sound of water and fire echoed massively throughout the region! The fog began to spread from the clash, and the two powers came to a standstill as the blazing wheel kept sending deadly flames while the tidal wave was almost endless, almost covertly a part of the air-space they were battling at!

Not all of the places were covered by the blazing wheel, as it only targeted a single place. The aqua wave poured in from the surroundings, trying to overwhelm the Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel from the sides. However, the ashes that spread at this time silently lit up!

\*Boom!~\*

\*Boom!~\*

\*Boom!~\*

The crimson-black volcanic ashes simultaneously exploded at the same time, stopping the water from pouring in by the sides. Furthermore, the ashes that exploded became a fume of flames around the Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel, extending its range!

It turned the entire area into a whirlpool of flames!

Ancestor Dian Alstreim silently appeared in front of the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier as his expression becoming a bit contorted. The northern region was completely destroyed.

Flora and fauna present in this place had evaporated into thin air. The magical beasts present here at this time, and even the humans, the members of their Alstreim Family present at this region for whatever reason, had all probably turned to ashes or submerged by the flood and exploded by its pressure!

His mood turned increasingly worse as he thought about this, and furthermore, the wastage of energy on the formation should be enormous, perhaps crossing into the range of hundreds of thousands Peak-Level Spirit Stones!

That was like a few decades of their treasury's savings spent on these few minutes!

Even though the battle between them might not have a conclusion at the end with both sides deciding to cease their attacks, the overall losses rather shot through the skies! And this was still without having the defensive formation broken by an overwhelming attack and having the Grand Alstreim City destroyed!

If the Aqua Flood Dragon broke through the Grand Alstreim City and reigned destruction, then the losses would be massive! Perhaps, powers who were equal to them from mid-sized Territories would start to look at them as prey!

Ancestor Dian Alstreim stood without moving as he took a last stand in front of the barrier. His soul sense swept behind the formation and noticed that neither Ninth Stage Powerhouses were ready to help him anymore. Although he could see that Tirea Snow was somewhat trembling, by this point, he actually suspected if she was acting and purposefully wounded the Aqua Flood Dragon to piss it off to an extreme degree.

In fact, he even suspected if these she and Xanbas Goldsky were perhaps working together to sabotage the Alstreim Family and the ultimate destruction of it. After all, he still didn't know why this foul Aqua Flood Dragon was chasing grand Elder Elise Alstreim. It could be well within their plot because the timing of both of their appearances was near and coincidental.

His heartfelt heavy at the inconceivable thought of Tirea Snow was secretly working together with Xanbas Goldsky as reality taught him it wasn't always what it seemed to be. He felt that he should not merely think of this as something coincidental. However, it didn't matter to him anymore.

The family would be soon within its last legs even if he did not fall as the wealth would drop enormously by the end of this battle. Hence, he decided to take up a stance right here and right now!

"Although it is unlikely if I die in this battle, I want and plead you to lead the Alstreim Family if I end up dying!"

Davis blinked as he heard Ancestor Dian Alstreim's soul transmission in his mind.

'Eh? What the hell is going on?'

Davis was still unclear about what had happened since the fog was still omnipresent. Not much time had passed for the fog up clear by itself upon expansion, and neither could he enter the battlefield to see what was going as his disguise would be quickly discovered in an instant just after receiving a remnant attack from the Aqua Flood Dragon's water or Ancestor Dian Alstreim's stray flames.

He suddenly felt anxious for some reason and realized that it was because he had already decided to make this power his stronghold. He felt that he couldn't afford to lose this place for various reasons.

However, what is happening? Was the Alstreim Family's Ancestor truly going to fall?

'The other two Ancestors returned, but it should still be possible to thwart the Aqua Flood Dragon, right?' Davis felt suspicious.

Why was Ancestor Dian Alstreim planting a death flag? Had the situation really worsened? He felt that it was more likely that the Ancestor was testing his loyalty but also felt that it was unlikely during this extremely dire situation.

Or was it precisely that this was a dire situation was he being tested?

It was entirely confusing for him, but he didn't know that Ancestor Dian Alstreim made the decision to sacrifice his life and the energy, rather than to sacrifice the treasury, the wealth of the family, which would slightly pave the way for the future generation to become powerhouses.

However, Davis was not only stumped by a single matter but two matters. He frowned at the current situation, feeling that it may get worse with another variable arriving into the fray.

'Should I just stake it all?' He frowned even more as he thought of using his sacrificial method to kill the Aqua Flood Dragon with the incoming entry of the new variable.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim looked at the foolish Aqua Flood Dragon, still doing its best to battle against his Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel that kept it suppressed to a degree in its sea of flames.

The rippling waves of the tsunami that was unending told him that it wouldn't be long before the Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel would be overwhelmed, but he knew that this technique would end itself within a few seconds without him continuing to aid it with essence energy, so he started to prepare himself by accumulating his essence energy to ready a technique anew.

He stretched out his right hand and pointed his palm at the Aqua Flood Dragon.

A crimson flaming palm emerged from his hand, moving a bit forwards in a slow manner as the air shook. He vigorously unleashed two more palms as he intricately circulated the energy through his arm before conjoining it with the previous crimson flaming palm.

The three flaming palms superimposed over each other before they all fused but growing much stronger and much bigger before it started to shrink. It might of the technique did not lessen but grew with its shrinking as it compressed.

'That is!!!'

Both Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky and Ancestor Tirea Snow realized the technique's name, but they were shocked because to see Dian Alstreim use this technique against the Aqua Flood Dragon meant that things were going to completely turn into a bloody mess.

Perhaps, the Alstreim Family and the Aqua Flood Dragon couldn't live under the same sky from this moment onwards!

Ancestor Xanbas Goldsky's face contorted in glee! He silently cast a look at the frowning Tirea Snow, wondering that perhaps, the worsening of the situation was her plan all along, no?

### **Chapter 939 Absurd Suppression**

Ancestor Tirea Snow suddenly felt her heart clench for some reason as he felt these undeniable and inexplicable emotions. She frowned and took a deep breath to calm herself down.

'Did I make a mistake by lightly wounding the Aqua Flood Dragon?' She suddenly felt a bit of guilt for forcing Dian Alstreim to enter a battle to the death with the Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beast.

She wanted to help defend.

However, her body shook, and she suddenly widened her eyes in anger.

Why was she, an Ancestor of the Falling Snow Sect, worrying about an Ancestor of another power? She checked her soul for any kind of discrepancies that might've been sneakily planted into her by who knows, perhaps the Soul Emperor, but only found a memory seal placed upon by her master!

Could it be from this memory seal that all these emotions were all emerging from!?

#### Absurd!!!

Ancestor Dian Alstreim unleashed two more palms at the same time with his two hands once the initial three flaming palms had fused with his aid, further superimposing together to form a five-timed overlapping crimson flaming palm. It grew to kilometer tall but started to shrink as it got compressed.

However, by this time, the Aqua Flood Dragon already noticed the anomaly and discovered that it was fighting a dud all this time. It roared in anger as it realized that it was made a fool of itself after it had only found about this after the Twisting Blaze Ash Wheel technique faded. It swatted is tail and destroyed the disintegrating wheel before shooting towards the despicable human.

By this time, Ancestor Dian Alstreim had unleashed the sixth and seventh palm. The crimson flaming palm grew to three kilometers tall before it started to shrink again as it condensed.

At this time, perhaps understanding their Ancestor's intent, the Grand Elders all did their best to stop the Aqua Flood Dragon from nearing. The eight arms of the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation swung like a flail at the Aqua Flood Dragon, but it caused little damage to it. The Aqua Flood Dragon actually knew which attack was the threat and solely concentrated on it while ignoring the eight pesky hands that came at it.

However, that didn't mean it was unable to retaliate. All it took was a few pressurized water cannons from its mouth to destroy the eight arms while it was still on its way, unimpeded like a true dragon.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's arms shook as he stopped condensing more crimson flaming palms. The final crimson flaming palm that he had unleashed was the eighth palm. It grew to five kilometers tall before its presence cleared away the mist covering the area. It condensed into a kilometer tall, extremely powerful might that made the surrounding space tremble in dread of devastation!

Cracks started to appear in reality as black lines inlaid over the skies. It was almost as if the sky was going to fall apart.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim knew that this technique had the capacity to gravely injure the Aqua Flood Dragon upon reaching the Ninth Wave, but since it was already within the range to attack him, be felt that he had no choice but to release this attack with his eight palms.

Looking at the enraged and panicked Aqua Flood Dragon, he coldly laughed.

'First brother, third brother... Perhaps I've failed in protecting the Alstreim Family, but I'll still follow after you guys after I make sure that I let this bastard lay in his own bed of ashes...'

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's chest heavily heaved before he exerted his arm backward, just about to unleash a deadly palm that would rip apart the entire space in this region!

"Nine Hell Sky Palm - Eight Waves!"

"Halt!!!"

A woman's daring voice echoed in a rampant manner, filled with courage, bravery, and an overbearing might.

"!!!?"

Ancestor Dian Alstreim's pupils dilated as he suddenly held back the attack he was going to unleash at the Aqua Flood Dragon that was no more than a kilometer away from the kilometer tall crimson flaming palm that completely overlooked the Aqua Flood Dragon. The Aqua Flood Dragon was no more than one-fifth of its height, and it appeared small in front of the threatening and devastating Nine Hell Sky Palm.

However, what made him stop his Nine Hell Sky Palm wasn't the strong and commanding voice of the woman but the abrupt stoppage of the Aqua Flood Dragon! It literally froze on hearing the woman's voice, not daring to even move its head or even its pupils. It was as if a restriction had been mystically cast on its entire body!

Davis's eyes were wide as he turned to look towards his right. The owner of the female voice was none other than Princess Isabella!

She valiantly stood as she stared with wide eyes at the Aqua Flood Dragon. Her chin was slightly inclined above, indicating her utter contempt for it as well as her anger that reflected in her voice before.

Davis inwardly heaved a sigh of relief.

The second matter he was worried about was this just a while ago. He didn't think Princess Isabella would not listen to him and come here to look at the Aqua Flood Dragon. He already told it was rampaging around, but she got even more agitated and hesitant before storming out of the Purple Guest Palace!

At first, he didn't know why, but now while looking at the aftermath, he mused that he could leave this to Princess Isabella.

Princess Isabella moved forward as her Martial Sage Stage undulations spread rampantly. She crossed the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier as it automatically opened up for her. She cast a glance at the source and found that it was Grand Elder Krax Alstreim, who was controlling the Volcanic Crystal Wall Barrier.

A kilometer away from her to the side was Ancestor Dian Alstreim, who seemed to be sweating in controlling the Nine Hell Sky Palm to be stable. Despite it possessing an extreme danger to herself, and with her instincts additionally warning her to retreat, she still returned her gaze towards the Aqua Flood Dragon before her undulations flared again!

The Aqua Flood Dragon trembled as the pupils in its eyeballs kept moving back and forth as it tried to catch a glimpse of the human with extremely weak yet intimidating undulations that made its blood run cold and freeze in nervousness.

"You dare run amok in this place where I currently reside!?" Princess Isabella coldly asked.

The Aqua Flood Dragon's body shook as its jaws trembled.

"I... I... R-Revered one, I-"

"You dare to play dumb in front of me!? Look at the destruction you have caused!!! You must pay for all of this!" Princess Isabella took a step forward again.

And shockingly, the Aqua Flood Dragon cowered as it shrank its serpent-neck in fear!

"Revered one! P-Please, forgive this lowly dragon!" A low and pitiful cry rang out.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim looked at the scene in utter disbelief.

The others were also shocked and dumbfounded as they looked at the scene with agape mouths. The undulations of the Conferred Queen's cultivation were very weak when they compared it to themselves, but they could also vaguely sense that tinged with it was a kind of unique aura that seemed to have extremely intimidated the Aqua Flood Dragon!

## Chapter 940 What A Pity...

"Forgive? You want me to forgive you for all of this?" Princess Isabella spread her hands as she looked around.

The entire region in this place was absolutely devastated. Mountains have crumbled, and the land had been flattened, and some parts scorched ever-black or rivers and puddles of water that made the land look like a swamp could be seen all over the place. Some puddles of water were even crimson in color, releasing the grave stench of blood.

The Aqua Flood Dragon cast a glance below with its two large eyes but didn't find anything strange other than the usual destruction it caused. However, realizing that the person with the extremely suppressing dragon aura was a human, it realized that it had indeed made a mistake in provoking the humans this time.

It didn't know what this woman was going to do to it but with her angered expression, it knew that it wasn't going to be anything good for it.

"Oh, revered one... Please..." The Aqua Flood Dragon felt afraid as it sensed a glorious presence in that woman's body, and its own body was not listening to its commands. Neither was it able to move as it looked on the outside, feeling constricted.

It knew that its own bloodline worked against it at this point but was unable to do anything about it!

"If you want forgiveness, there is a way..." Princess Isabella's eyes flashed with a cunning light.

"You must repent under my rule! Become my magical beast mount!"

"!!!" The Aqua Flood Dragon pupils shook as it became visibly panicked.

"No!"

"Hmph! If you won't, then I'll forcibly make you one!"

Princess Isabella shot forward in an unbridled manner!

Everyone panicked in her stead, and even Davis shot forwards in an instant!

However, it was as if it was the last straw!

The Aqua Flood Dragon violently turned around and shot towards the distance! It did not even have the courage to growl and roar as it fled with its tail shrunken back!

"What!?"

Numerous cries of disbelief echoed!

Princess Isabella tried to give a chase, but it was too fast! Its fleeing speed was even faster than the speed it chased Elise Alstreim with! Its speed practically reached a thousand kilometers per second as it fled!

She stopped at a point in midair as she looked at the stiff tail of the fleeing Aqua Flood Dragon and coldly harrumphed before she muttered, "What a pity..."

Ancestor Dian Alstreim still watched the scene with wide eyes that almost fell out of his sockets, still not fully perceiving what had happened. Still, he kept his concentration and worked on retracting his attack.

The Nine Hell Sky Palm distorted before it slowly disintegrated out of existence. Space stopped its trembling, and the cracks seamlessly stitched itself as the atmosphere returned to normal.

Ancestor Dian Alstreim heaved a sigh of relief as he successfully retracted his terrifying attack.

Fortunately, the Nine Hell Sky Palm was just at the Eight Waves, which was still within his realm of control. If it had been the Nine Waves instead, he knew that he would've been unable to retract it like this and perhaps blown to kingdom come along with the entire surroundings in the range of a thousand kilometers if he didn't release it.

However, all that was wasted now was a small percentage of his essence energy.

Davis appeared outside the barrier as he heavily sighed, "Young Mistress, even though I warned you that it is dangerous-"

"Enough." Princess Isabella interrupted, "Your existence is to protect me. You do your task, and I'll do mine. I cannot allow a lowly dragon run rampant in the place I'm visiting at, and besides..."

Princess Isabella creased her brows as she looked around at the devastated areas. It was unknown to her how many people had died.

"I was already late..."

"The lives that are here aren't our responsibility. It's the responsibility of the people who own this place..." Davis creased his brows and replied.

He didn't possess the exact number as well since the whole region was chaotic from the clash of two ninth stage powers, but he could still guess that the death toll numbered over the tens of thousands.

"Still..." Princess Isabella's brows furrowed.

"That's right; it's my responsibility. The Conferred Queen doesn't have to responsibility or remorse over this incident. It was my own weakness that led to this aftermath." Ancestor Dian Alstreim chimed in with a hoarse voice.

It was unknown what he was thinking, but he bent his waist ninety degrees and bowed, "I thank the Conferred Queen's assistance in aiding the Alstreim Family and single-handedly making the Aqua Flood Dragon retreat. It is clear that it is afraid of your noble dragon bloodline, and retreated since it doesn't

want to become your magical beast mount. However, emulating the bloodline of a dragon should have a certain cost."

"The Alstreim Family will never forget this favor."

The Grand Elders all came out of the Eight Ashfall Arms Formation and gave a respectful and admiring bow. Even Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim gave a bow that was filled with respect. Their gazes when they look at the Conferred Queen was no longer that of an elder, neither than that of an equal.

They were looking at her as if they were the ones who possess a lower stature. Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim and even Ancestor Dian Alstreim was no exception.

In fact, Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim felt the most gratitude out of everyone here.

If the Aqua Flood Dragon did more damage and managed to waste the resources, perhaps even breaking into the Grand Alstreim City, the sin that his daughter would have to carry wouldn't be any less than of a traitor. In truth, it would be even more of a sin than a traitor could carry!

"To have repelled a dragon just with your bloodline, it seems that you truly can be named a Queen. Perhaps, the Dragon Queen would be more apt for your esteemed self." Grand Elder Valdrey Alstreim praised without pretense.

"Dragon Queen?" Princess Isabella's expression became strange, "I don't deserve to possess such a title. There are probably many women who are stronger than me even if I reach my peak in this life."

"Even so, let this old man call your esteemed self Dragon Queen from now on..."

"We are grateful to the Dragon Queen!"

The other Grand Elders simultaneously echoed out as they bowed in unison and clasped their hands again.

Princess Isabella blushed a little at being called the Dragon Queen. She felt both embarrassed and a bit of content. She just couldn't let it go after she heard from Davis about the destruction caused by the Aqua Flood Dragon during the battle.

It was equivalent to a human settlement or a city facing a magical beast tide. She just couldn't let it happen on her watch! Besides, it felt good to be treated as a heroine by these people who possessed greater cultivation than her.

'Haha, no one dislikes praise when it comes from one's heart...' Davis inwardly laughed at Princess Isabella.

However, he became worried about her health.

What is this so-called cost that Ancestor Dian Alstreim mentioned about when emulating the aura of the Earth Dragon?